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Sir:

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Further, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 were cited in the Supplemental European Search Report dated July 17, 2000 for a counterpart EPO application. As such, the filing of the instant Information Disclosure Statement is within three months of the date of that Search Report and, therefore, need not be accompanied by the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). A copy of the Supplemental European Search Report for the counterpart EPO application is enclosed herewith.

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